- (3) "Intercept" means the aural acquisition of the contents of any wire or oral communication through the use of any electronic, mechanical, or other [device.] DIVICE:
- (4) "Electronic, mechanical, or other device" means any device or apparatus which can be used to intercept a wire or oral communication other [than:] THAN:
- (i) Any telephone or telegraph instrument, equipment or facility, or any component thereof, (a) furnished to the subscriber or user by a communications common carrier in the ordinary course of its business and being used by the subscriber or user in the ordinary course of its business; or (b) being used by a communications common carrier in the ordinary course of its business, or by an investigative or law enforcement officer in the ordinary course of his duties:
- (ii) A hearing aid or similar device being used to correct subnormal hearing to not better than normal;
- (8) "Judge of competent jurisdiction" means a judge of a circuit court or the Supreme Bench of Baltimore [City.] CITY;

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- (a) Each application for an order authorizing the interception of a wire or oral communication shall be made in writing upon oath or affirmation to a judge of competent jurisdiction and shall state the applicant's authority to make the application. Each application shall include the following information:
- (4) A statement of the period of time for which the interception is required to be maintained. If the nature of the investigation is such that the authorization for interception should not automatically terminate when the described type of communication has been first obtained, a particular description of facts establishing probable cause to believe [that] additional communications of the same type will occur thereafter:
- (c) Upon the application the judge may enter an exparte order, as requested or as modified, authorizing interception of wire or oral communications within the territorial jurisdiction of the court in which the judge is sitting, if the judge determines on the basis of the facts submitted by the applicant that:
- (1) There is probable cause for belief that an individual is committing, has committed, or is about to commit a particular offense enumerated in § 10-406 of this [subtitle.] SUBTITLE;